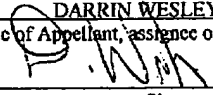


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1. REAL PARTY IN INTEREST

The real party in interest is TheExchangeCorp.com, LLC, having an office and a place of business at 730 North LaSalle, 3rd Floor, Chicago, Illinois, 60610.

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2. RELATED APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Appellant and the undersigned attorney are not aware of any other appeals or interferences which will directly affect or be directly affected by or having a bearing on the Board's decision in the pending appeal.

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3. STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-30 are currently pending in the present application, and are the claims on appeal. See, Claims Appendix.

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4. STATUS OF AMENDMENTS

Appellant did not file an after final request for reconsideration under 37 C.F.R.

§1.116 in response to a Final Office Action dated October 4, 2005.

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5. SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

FIG. 15 illustrates a flow diagram of a commodities exchange system 8 involving a buyer 10 and a seller 18.

As shown in FIG. 15, buyer 10 places a bid to purchase a commodity according to a predetermined contract as shown on the Buy Order Entry Page 12 of the exchange system 8 whereby the bid is adjusted based on shipping costs for shipping the commodity from seller 18 to buyer 10. If the bid is less than a best offer, then the bid becomes a working order, and is displayed on both the Buyer's Working Order Page 14 and on a Trading Floor Page 16. *See, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/922,240 at page 18, lines 8-12.*

A seller 18 places an offer to sell a commodity according to the predetermined contract as shown on the Sell Order Entry Page 20 of the exchange system 8 whereby the offer is adjusted based on shipping costs for shipping the commodity from seller 18 to buyer 10. If the offer is greater than a best bid, then the offer becomes a working order and is displayed on both the Seller's Working Order Page 22 and on the Trading Floor Page 16. *See, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/922,240 at page 18, lines 12-16.*

If a bid and an offer match, then a trade occurs and notification is given to both the buyer 10 and the seller 18 through the Buyer's Notification Page 24 and the Seller's Notification Page 26, respectively. In one case, the bid may be the best bid and the offer may be the best offer whereby the match occurs upon the placement of the best bid and best offer. Otherwise, the match occurs on the Trading Floor Page 16.

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In either case of a match, the order then appears on the Buyer's Filled Order Page 28 and the Seller's Filled Order Page 30. Furthermore, notification is given to a transportation partner on a Transportation Partner's Page 32. At this point, the transportation partner contacts the buyer 10 and the seller 18 to arrange transportation of the commodity. This process is done so that the buyer 10 and the seller 18 remain anonymous with respect to each other. Finally, as shown by line 34, the transportation of the commodity is provided by the transportation partner, preferably by either truck or rail. See, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/922,240 at page 18, line 17 to page 19, line 2.

Pages 12, 14, 16, 20, 22, 28 and 30 serve as "means for permitting a seller to enter an offer for selling a commodity according to a predetermined contract", "means for permitting a buyer to enter a bid for purchasing the commodity" and "means for matching the bid to the offer to generate a transaction" as recited in independent claim 13. Page 32 serves as means for notifying a transportation partner of the transaction so that the transportation partner can arrange pick-up and delivery of the commodity" as recited in independent claim 13; and "means for displaying a menu for selecting a shipping destination", "means for displaying one or more commodity contracts and corresponding buyer market prices for the commodity contracts, the buyer market prices being adjusted based on the shipping destination", "means for displaying a menu for selecting a shipping origination" and "means for displaying the commodity contracts and corresponding seller market prices for the commodity contracts, the seller market prices being adjusted based on the shipping origination" as recited in independent claim 21.

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The last limitation of independent claim 13 of “means for notifying a credit clearinghouse of the transaction so that the clearinghouse can arrange to receive payment from buyer and make payment to the seller” is taught by FIG. 16. See, *U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/922,240* at page 19, lines 3-18.

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6. GROUND OF REJECTION TO BE REVIEWED ON APPEAL

Claims 1-3 stand finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,794,207 to *Walker et al.* in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,460,020 to *Pool*

Claims 4-30 stand finally claims under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,219,653 to *O'Neil et al.*

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7. ARGUMENT

OBVIOUSNESS. To establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness, three basic criteria must be met. First, there must be some suggestion or motivation, either in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art, to modify the reference or to combine reference teachings. Second, there must be a reasonable expectation of success. Finally, the prior art reference (or references when combined) must teach or suggest all the claim limitations. See, MPEP §2143.

GROUP 1: Claims 1-3. The Appellant respectfully asserts that *Walker* teaches away from the combination of *Walker* and *Pool* as proposed by Examiner Felten by teaching a method and apparatus for prospective buyers of goods or services to communicate a binding purchase offer globally to potential sellers, for sellers conveniently to search for relevant buyer purchase offers, and for sellers to bind a buyer to a contract based on the buyer's purchase offer. See, *Walker* at column 8, lines 27-41. Thus, a seller will only bind a buyer to a contract based on the buyer's purchase offer if the buyer's purchase offer covers the seller's total cost, including shipping, of the goods or services.

As such, *Walker* eliminates any need to adjust the buyer's purchase offer based on shipping costs as required by claims 1-3. Specifically, *Walker* teaches away from "adjusting the specified price based on shipping costs for shipping the commodity from

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the seller to the buyer” and “transferring the adjusted price to the buyer over a computer network for displaying by a remote client” as recited in independent claim 1; “adding the shipping costs to the specified price to produce the adjusted price” as recited in dependent claim 2; and “receiving a shipping destination from the buyer”, “receiving a shipping origin from the seller”, “computing the shipping costs as a function of the distance between the shipping destination and the shipping origin” and “adding the shipping costs to the specified price to produce the adjusted price” as recited in dependent claim 3.

Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-3 under §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Walker* in view of *Pool* is therefore respectfully requested.

GROUP 2: Claims 4-30. The Appellant respectfully asserts that *O'Neil* teaches away from the modification of *O'Neil* as proposed by Examiner Felten by teaching (1) a trading products method illustrated in FIG. 16 of *O'Neil* for transacting sales based on buy requests from buyers, and not on matching offers and bids as required by independent claim 13, and (2) a determining delivery cost method as illustrated in FIG. 19 of *O'Neil* for determining delivery cost after a sale has been transacted by trading partners, and not before the sales transaction as required by claims 4-12 and 14-30. See, *O'Neil* at column 34, line 6 to column 39, line 26.

Thus, *O'Neil* teaches away from “discounting the bid based on shipping costs for shipping the commodity from the seller to a buyer” and “transferring the discounted bid to the seller over a computer network for displaying by a remote terminal” as recited in

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independent claim 4; “subtracting the shipping costs from the bid to produce the discounted bid” as recited in dependent claim 5; and “receiving a shipping destination from the buyer”, “receiving a shipping origin from the seller”, “determining the shipping costs based on the shipping destination and shipping origin” and “subtracting the shipping costs from the bid to produce the discounted bid” as recited in dependent claim 6;

“adjusting the specified prices based on shipping costs associated with a destination specified by the buyer”, “determining a best offer from the adjusted prices, “determining a source location corresponding to the best offer price”, “determining a best bid corresponding to the source location”, “adjusting the best bid based on the shipping cost between the source location and the destination” and “transferring the adjusted best bid and the best offer to the buyer over a computer network for display by a networked host” as recited in independent claim 7; “computing the shipping cost as a function of the distance between the destination and the source location” as recited in dependent claim 8; “computing the shipping cost as a function of a predetermined freight matrix” as recited in dependent claim 9; “adjusting the bids based on shipping costs associated with a source location specified by the seller”, “determining a best bid from the adjusted bids”, “determining a shipping destination corresponding to the best bid”, “determining a best offer corresponding to the shipping destination”, “adjusting the best offer based on the shipping cost between the source location and the shipping destination”, and “transferring the adjusted best offer and the best bid to the seller over a computer network” as recited

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in independent claim 10; “computing the shipping cost as a function of the distance between the destination and the source location” as recited in dependent claim 11; “computing the shipping cost as a function of a predetermined freight matrix” as recited in dependent claim 12; “means for matching the bid to the offer to generate a transaction” as recited in dependent claim 13; “a buyer interface for displaying a menu for selecting a shipping destination and for displaying a table identifying one or more commodity contracts and corresponding buyer market prices for the commodity contracts, the buyer market prices being adjusted based on the shipping destination”, and “a seller interface for displaying a menu for selecting a shipping origination and for displaying a table identifying the commodity contracts and corresponding seller market prices for the commodity contracts, the seller market prices being adjusted based on the shipping origination” as recited in independent claim 14; “wherein at least one of the buyer market prices comprises a best offer and a best bid” as recited in dependent claim 15; “wherein the best offer is computed by adding to one or more offers the cost of shipping between a respective shipping origin and the shipping destination, whereby generating one or more adjusted offers, and then selecting the lowest adjusted offer to be the best offer” as recited in dependent claim 16; “wherein the best bid is computed by determining a shipping origin corresponding to a best offer, determining a highest bid available to a seller at the shipping origin, and adjusting the highest bid based on the shipping cost between the shipping origin and the shipping destination to get the best bid” as recited in dependent claim 17; “wherein each of the seller market prices comprises a best offer and a best bid”

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as recited in dependent claim 18; “wherein the best bid is computed by subtracting from one or more bids the cost of shipping between a respective shipping destination and a shipping origin, whereby generating one or more adjusted bids, and then selecting the lowest adjusted bid to be the best bid” as recited in dependent claim 19; “wherein the best offer is computed by determining the shipping destination corresponding to a best bid, determining a lowest offer available to a buyer at the shipping destination, and adjusting the lowest offer based on the shipping cost between the shipping origin and the shipping destination to get the best offer” as recited in dependent claim 20; “means for displaying a menu for selecting a shipping destination”, “means for displaying one or more commodity contracts and corresponding buyer market prices for the commodity contracts, the buyer market prices being adjusted based on the shipping destination”, “means for displaying a menu for selecting a shipping origination”, and “means for displaying the commodity contracts and corresponding seller market prices for the commodity contracts, the seller market prices being adjusted based on the shipping origination” as recited in dependent claim 21; and “a buyer screen for displaying a menu for selecting a shipping destination and for identifying one or more commodity contracts and corresponding buyer market prices for the commodity contracts, each of the buyer market prices comprising a best offer and a best bid, wherein the best offer is computed by adding to one or more offers the cost of shipping between a respective shipping origin and the shipping destination, whereby generating one or more adjusted offers, and then selecting the lowest adjusted offer to be the best offer, wherein the best bid is computed

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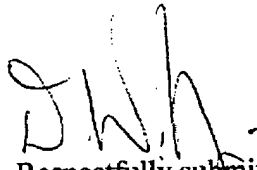
by determining the shipping origin corresponding to the best offer, determining a highest bid available to a seller at the shipping origin, and adjusting the highest bid based on the shipping cost between the shipping origin and the shipping destination to get the best bid”, “a seller screen for displaying a menu for selecting a shipping origin and for identifying the commodity contracts and corresponding seller market prices for the commodity contracts, each of the seller market prices comprising a best offer and a best bid, wherein the best bid is computed by subtracting from one or more bids the cost of shipping between a respective shipping destination and the shipping origin, whereby generating one or more adjusted bids, and then selecting the lowest adjusted bid to be the best bid, wherein the best offer is computed by determining the shipping destination corresponding to the best bid, determining a lowest offer available to a buyer at the shipping destination, and adjusting the lowest offer based on the shipping cost between the shipping origin and the shipping destination to get the best offer” as recited in independent claim 27.

Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 4-30 under §103(a) as being unpatentable over *O'Neil* is therefore respectfully requested.

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CLAIMS APPENDIX

1. A method for providing a commodity offer price to a buyer, comprising:
receiving an offer to sell a commodity according to a predetermined contract at a specified price;
adjusting the specified price based on shipping costs for shipping the commodity from the seller to the buyer; and
transferring the adjusted price to the buyer over a computer network for displaying by a remote client.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of adjusting includes adding the shipping costs to the specified price to produce the adjusted price.
3. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
receiving a shipping destination from the buyer;
receiving a shipping origin from the seller;
computing the shipping costs as a function of the distance between the shipping destination and the shipping origin; and
adding the shipping costs to the specified price to produce the adjusted price.
4. A method for providing a bid to a seller, comprising:

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receiving a bid to purchase a commodity according to a predetermined contract;
discounting the bid based on shipping costs for shipping the commodity from the
seller to a buyer; and
transferring the discounted bid to the seller over a computer network for
displaying by a remote terminal.

5. The method of claim 4, wherein the step of discounting includes subtracting the
shipping costs from the bid to produce the discounted bid.

6. The method of claim 4, further comprising:
receiving a shipping destination from the buyer;
receiving a shipping origin from the seller;
determining the shipping costs based on the shipping destination and shipping
origin; and
subtracting the shipping costs from the bid to produce the discounted bid.

7. A method of providing a best bid and a best offer to a buyer, comprising:
receiving one or more offers to sell a commodity according to a predetermined
contract at one or more specified prices;
adjusting the specified prices based on shipping costs associated with a
destination specified by the buyer;

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determining a best offer from the adjusted prices;
determining a source location corresponding to the best offer price;
receiving one or more bids to purchase the commodity;
determining a best bid corresponding to the source location;
adjusting the best bid based on the shipping cost between the source location and the destination; and
transferring the adjusted best bid and the best offer to the buyer over a computer network for display by a networked host.

8. The method of claim 7, further comprising:
computing the shipping cost as a function of the distance between the destination and the source location.
9. The method of claim 7, further comprising:
computing the shipping cost as a function of a predetermined freight matrix.
10. A method of providing a best bid and a best offer to a seller, comprising:
receiving one or more bids to purchase a commodity according to a predetermined contract;
adjusting the bids based on shipping costs associated with a source location specified by the seller;

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determining a best bid from the adjusted bids;
determining a shipping destination corresponding to the best bid;
receiving one or more offers to sell the commodity;
determining a best offer corresponding to the shipping destination;
adjusting the best offer based on the shipping cost between the source location
and the shipping destination; and
transferring the adjusted best offer and the best bid to the seller over a computer
network.

11. The method of claim 10, further comprising:
computing the shipping cost as a function of the distance between the destination
and the source location.
12. The method of claim 10, further comprising:
computing the shipping cost as a function of a predetermined freight matrix.
13. A system for exchanging commodities, comprising:
means for permitting a seller to enter an offer for selling a commodity according
to a predetermined contract;
means for permitting a buyer to enter a bid for purchasing the commodity;
means for matching the bid to the offer to generate a transaction;

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means for notifying a transportation partner of the transaction so that the transportation partner can arrange pick-up and delivery of the commodity; and
means for notifying a credit clearinghouse of the transaction so that the clearinghouse can arrange to receive payment from buyer and make payment to the seller.

14. An exchange system, comprising:

a buyer interface for displaying a menu for selecting a shipping destination and for displaying a table identifying one or more commodity contracts and corresponding buyer market prices for the commodity contracts, the buyer market prices being adjusted based on the shipping destination; and

a seller interface for displaying a menu for selecting a shipping origination and for displaying a table identifying the commodity contracts and corresponding seller market prices for the commodity contracts, the seller market prices being adjusted based on the shipping origination.

15. The exchange system of claim 14, wherein at least one of the buyer market prices comprises a best offer and a best bid.

16. The exchange system of claim 15, wherein the best offer is computed by adding to one or more offers the cost of shipping between a respective shipping origin and the

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shipping destination, whereby generating one or more adjusted offers, and then selecting the lowest adjusted offer to be the best offer.

17. The exchange system of claim 15, wherein the best bid is computed by determining a shipping origin corresponding to a best offer, determining a highest bid available to a seller at the shipping origin, and adjusting the highest bid based on the shipping cost between the shipping origin and the shipping destination to get the best bid.

18. The exchange system of claim 14, wherein each of the seller market prices comprises a best offer and a best bid.

19. The exchange system of claim 18, wherein the best bid is computed by subtracting from one or more bids the cost of shipping between a respective shipping destination and a shipping origin, whereby generating one or more adjusted bids, and then selecting the lowest adjusted bid to be the best bid.

20. The exchange system of claim 18, wherein the best offer is computed by determining the shipping destination corresponding to a best bid, determining a lowest offer available to a buyer at the shipping destination, and adjusting the lowest offer based on the shipping cost between the shipping origin and the shipping destination to get the best offer.

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21. The exchange system of claim 14, further comprising:
a seller order entry interface, operatively associated with the seller interface,
permitting a seller to enter an offer for selling a commodity according to a predetermined
contract; and
a buyer order entry screen, operatively associated with the seller interface,
permitting a buyer to enter a bid for purchasing the commodity.
22. The exchange system of claim 21, further comprising:
a transaction generator, operatively associated with the seller order and buyer order
interfaces, for matching the bid to the offer to generate a transaction.
23. The exchange system of claim 22, further comprising:
a delivery interface, operatively associated with the transaction generator, for
notifying a transportation partner of the transaction so that the transportation partner can
arrange pick-up and delivery of the commodity.
24. The system of claim 22, further comprising:
a finance interface, operatively associated with the transaction generator, for
notifying a credit clearinghouse of the transaction so that the clearinghouse can arrange to
receive payment from buyer and make payment to the seller.

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25. The system of claim 14, further comprising:

a login interface permitting a user to login to the system as a buyer or a seller, the login interface causing either the buyer interface or the seller interface to be displayed to the user.

26. A computer-usable medium storing a computer program, comprising:

means for displaying a menu for selecting a shipping destination;

means for displaying one or more commodity contracts and corresponding buyer market prices for the commodity contracts, the buyer market prices being adjusted based on the shipping destination;

means for displaying a menu for selecting a shipping origination; and

means for displaying the commodity contracts and corresponding seller market prices for the commodity contracts, the seller market prices being adjusted based on the shipping origination.

27. A computer-based system, comprising:

a buyer screen for displaying a menu for selecting a shipping destination and for identifying one or more commodity contracts and corresponding buyer market prices for the commodity contracts, each of the buyer market prices comprising a best offer and a best bid, wherein the best offer is computed by adding to one or more offers the cost of

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shipping between a respective shipping origin and the shipping destination, whereby generating one or more adjusted offers, and then selecting the lowest adjusted offer to be the best offer, wherein the best bid is computed by determining the shipping origin corresponding to the best offer, determining a highest bid available to a seller at the shipping origin, and adjusting the highest bid based on the shipping cost between the shipping origin and the shipping destination to get the best bid;

a seller screen for displaying a menu for selecting a shipping origin and for identifying the commodity contracts and corresponding seller market prices for the commodity contracts, each of the seller market prices comprising a best offer and a best bid, wherein the best bid is computed by subtracting from one or more bids the cost of shipping between a respective shipping destination and the shipping origin, whereby generating one or more adjusted bids, and then selecting the lowest adjusted bid to be the best bid, wherein the best offer is computed by determining the shipping destination corresponding to the best bid, determining a lowest offer available to a buyer at the shipping destination, and adjusting the lowest offer based on the shipping cost between the shipping origin and the shipping destination to get the best offer;

a seller order entry screen for permitting a seller to enter an offer for selling a commodity according to a predetermined contract;

a buyer order entry screen for permitting a buyer to enter a bid for purchasing the commodity; and

an exchange engine for matching the bid to the offer to generate a transaction.

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28. The system of claim 27, further comprising:

a delivery interface for notifying a transportation partner of the transaction so that the transportation partner can arrange pick-up and delivery of the commodity.

29. The system of claim 27, further comprising:

a finance interface for notifying a credit clearinghouse of the transaction so that the clearinghouse can arrange to receive payment from buyer and make payment to the seller.

30. The system of claim 27, further comprising:

a login interface permitting a user to login to the system as a buyer or a seller, the login interface causing either the buyer screen or the seller screen to be displayed to the user.

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EVIDENCE APPENDIX

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